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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: KIKUCHI et al
Serial No.: 09/921,141
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For: Electric Appliance Renting System
Art Unit: 3627
Examiner: L. Jasmin

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application with the accompanying RCE, in response to the office action dated April 11, 2005. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.